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Statement submitted by International Network of Liberal Women, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996.

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Statement

The activities of the International Network of Liberal Women INLW are inspired by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The INLW applies those principles, on which the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women is also based.

At the fifty first Session of the Commission of the Status of Women on "The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl-child", organized by the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW),

International Network of Liberal Women/INLW:

- Reaffirms its commitment with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the United Nations in 1989, as an international framework, ratified by 192 countries.
- Reaffirms its commitment with the Millennium Declaration, adopted in 200 by 189 countries, containing the Millennium Objectives to be implemented by 2015.

Although progress has been made by many countries in the advancement of the protection of the girl-child, especially with respect to the human rights by the adoption of specific legislation and access to education, great inequalities are still persisting, like harmful traditional practices, child marriage, and abuse of child labour, sex exploitation, trafficking and abuse of child pornography.

Everyone born has rights, also the girl-child
Every girl born has the individual right to be a person
Every girl born, has the individual right to physical integrity
INLW asks for:

- Measures, laws, budgets and action plans of governments to implement the protection for girls from forced marriages, trafficking, violation, sexual exploitation, lack of identity papers.
- Civil society and the medias to act with force about situations of girl-child in exclusion, gender discrimination, armed conflicts
- A special commission of experts which has to evaluate the statistics of successful actions plans of girls-child policies.